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### **1. West Hills to Combine Picnic, Project Updates**

This year's annual potluck picnic at West Hills Park will have the unusual twist of including updates on two health-related projects on the northern edge of the sprawling West Hills neighborhood.

The picnic begins at 6 p.m. Monday, June 17, at the gazebo in the park, with candidates and public officials attending along with residents and members of the West Hills Community Association. There will be zoo animals and fire trucks to entertain the children.

In addition, representatives of Shannondale Nursing Home will be on hand to talk about expansion plans, and officials of Tennova Healthcare will talk about the latest developments in its proposed hospital campus on Middlebrook Pike.

### **2. Neighborhood Groups Invited to Use This Space**

This newsletter is produced primarily for the benefit of resident-led, resident-controlled neighborhood groups in the city, including neighborhood associations, neighborhood watch groups, tenant associations, and HOA's.

However, it is distributed initially to over 900 email addresses, and some neighborhood groups forward it to their email lists. Past copies are posted on the Office of Neighborhoods web site. Readers include members of public bodies such as City Council, County Commission and Metropolitan Planning Commission; other city and county officials; and, of course, other neighborhood leaders.

Using this forum to tell your story not only raises your profile in the city but also helps other groups with ideas for connecting with their neighbors and building a sense of community.

Neighborhood leaders are invited to submit news of officer elections, neighborhood projects, and community events by contacting David Massey at [dmassey@cityofknoxville.org](mailto:dmassey@cityofknoxville.org) or 215-3232.

### **3. City Seeks Ideas for Development of Lakeshore Park**

After an initial public meeting attended by some 200 citizens, the City of Knoxville is now pressing forward with additional appeals to the general public to suggest ways the park can meet the recreational and outdoor needs of area residents.

The park is expanding with the addition of land donated by the State of Tennessee, and therefore the original master plan for the park needs to be updated.

See <http://www.cityofknoxville.org/lakeshore/> for more information and an opportunity to voice your ideas for the future of the park.

### **4. NAACP Issues Call to Community Organizations, Leaders**

The Knoxville Branch of the NAACP is asking community residents and leaders to gather together this Saturday, June 15, in Morningside Park's Alex Haley Square to air community concerns and challenges... and to make commitments to address them.

The event begins at 2 p.m. with a prayer vigil conducted by KICMA (Knoxville Interdenominational Christian Ministerial Alliance) followed by the "Change the Community" rally. The event is scheduled to conclude at 3:30 p.m.

### **5. Father's Day Fishing Event This Sunday**

The Parks and Recreation Department is staging its annual Father Day's Fishing Event this Sunday, June 16, from 4 p.m. until 7 p.m. in Victor Ashe Park, 4901 Bradshaw Road, and the whole family is invited.

The park's two-acre lake contains channel catfish ranging from two to eight pounds that were donated by the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency, in addition to the existing large-mouth bass and bluegill.

TWRA stocks the lake annually for this event. The Mast General Store is partnering with the City of Knoxville by donating prizes to be given away, including a grand prize for the top three largest fish caught by a father/child team. There's also a prize for the first person to catch the albino catfish that will be put in the lake.

Bring your own bait, tackle, fishing poles, and blankets. Fishing licenses are required for everyone over the age of 13 who will be fishing. Licenses can be purchased at area stores. There is a take-home limit of two fish for this event.

No pre-registration is necessary. Refreshments will be available for purchase, and door prizes will be given away.

### **6. City Schedules Hearing for Cumberland Avenue**

The City of Knoxville is moving forward with plans not only to reduce Cumberland Avenue (in the area known as “the strip”) from four lanes to three, but also to overhaul the building codes for that area to encourage greater density of mixed use development for a more urban landscape.

The City’s Office of Redevelopment will host a public meeting at 6 p.m. next Tuesday, June 18, in the Small Assembly Room of the City County Building, 400 Main Street. Representatives of the city’s consultant, Code Studio of Austin, Texas, will be present.

This is a follow-up meeting to the April 4 public meeting on the Cumberland Avenue Form Based Code and will address the comments that were submitted as part of that meeting. In addition to a presentation, there will be opportunity for comments and questions.

After this meeting, the next step will be to finalize the draft and submit it to MPC for consideration. Once recommended by MPC, the new code would then go to City Council for adoption.

Formed-based code is a type of zoning law that allows for mixed uses within the same structure, but the code is written to be more restrictive of building dimensions, setbacks and related matters. On Cumberland, the code likely would allow a mix of residential, commercial and office/institutional uses within the same multi-story building.

## **6. TDOT to Provide Information on Alcoa Highway Fix**

The Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) will hold a public meeting next week to discuss the well-known traffic and safety issues on State Route 115, also known as U.S. 129, a.k.a. Alcoa Highway.

From 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. Thursday, June 20, at Sevier Heights Baptist Church, 3232 Alcoa Highway, TDOT will update the public on the status of the project, present the findings of an environmental review, obtain public input, and answer questions.

The project covers the portion of Alcoa Highway from Pellissippi Parkway to a point just north of the Cherokee Trail intersection.

Basically, according to TDOT, there are two alternatives for addressing a need for increased capacity and level of service, correcting roadway deficiencies, and reducing crashes and improving safety.

Under the no-build alternative, TDOT would do nothing more than normal maintenance. Under the build option, TDOT would widen the highway to three lanes in each direction; build or rebuild seven interchanges; add a median to regulate left-hand turns; and construct frontage and collector roads as needed.

See <http://www.tdot.state.tn.us/sr115/> for maps, answers to frequently asked questions, a project schedule, project history and more.

## **7. Neighborhood and Government Calendar**

*Include your neighborhood-related event or meeting in this space. Call 215-3232.*

*All government meetings will be held in either the Large or Small Assembly Room unless otherwise noted. For a complete list of meetings of various city boards and commissions, visit <http://www.cityofknoxville.org/calendar/>.*

*If you are a person with a disability who requires an accommodation in order to attend a public meeting, please contact Stephanie Brewer Cook at 215-2034 or [scook@cityofknoxville.org](mailto:scook@cityofknoxville.org) no less than 48 hours prior to the meeting you wish to attend.*

Friday, June 14 --- 6 p.m.

Beaumont Community Organization (Second Fridays)  
Beaumont Elementary School, 1211 Beaumont Ave.  
Dennis Murphy, 237-9481

Saturday, June 15 --- 10 a.m.

South Haven Neighborhood Association (Third Saturdays)  
Hillcrest United Methodist Church, 1615 Price Avenue  
Pat Harmon, 591-3958

Monday, June 17 --- 9 a.m.

Dr. Lee L. Williams Tenant Association (Third Mondays)  
Recreation Center, 317 McConnell Street  
James Grant Chandler, 200-8697

Monday, June 17 --- 6 p.m.

Annual Potluck Picnic  
West Hills Community Association  
Candidates and office holders will be present.  
Children's Activities: Knoxville Zoo animals and Fire Dept. Trucks  
West Hills Park at the Gazebo  
Reuben Pelot, 693-0454

Monday, June 17 --- 7 p.m.

Historic Fourth & Gill Neighborhood Organization  
Board Meeting (Third Mondays except January)  
Contact Judith Neff for Location  
Judith Neff, [merlin2@comcast.net](mailto:merlin2@comcast.net), 567-7980

Tuesday, June 18 --- 10 a.m.

Knoxville-Knox County Food Policy Council (Third Tuesdays)  
CAC/MLB Building, 2247 Western Avenue  
(See <http://www.cityofknoxville.org/boards/food.asp> for bylaws, community garden toolkit etc.)

Tuesday, June 18 --- 6 p.m.

Delrose Drive Neighborhood Watch (Third Tuesdays)  
Riverview Baptist Church, 3618 Delrose Drive  
Corina and John Buffalow, 523-0102

Tuesday, June 18 --- 6 p.m.

Public Meeting  
Form-Based Code for Cumberland Avenue ("the strip")  
City of Knoxville Office of Redevelopment

Small Assembly Room, City County Building, 400 Main Street  
Anne Wallace, [awallace@cityofknoxville.org](mailto:awallace@cityofknoxville.org), 215-2644

Tuesday, June 18 --- 7 p.m.

Edgewood Park Neighborhood Association (Third Tuesdays except December)  
Larry Cox Senior Center, 3109 Ocoee Trail

Thursday, June 20 --- Breakfast @ 7:45 a.m. Meeting @ 8 a.m.

East Knoxville Business & Professional Association (Third Thursdays)  
Open to Neighborhood Residents and Leaders  
Locations vary

Charles Morgan, [cwm826@aol.com](mailto:cwm826@aol.com), Gray Hodges Corporation, 522-3113  
[www.EastKnox.org](http://www.EastKnox.org)

Thursday, June 20 --- 8:30 a.m.

Historic Zoning Commission (Third Thursdays)  
<http://www.cityofknoxville.org/boards/historic.asp>

Thursday, June 20 --- 12 p.m.

KUB Board of Commissioners (Third Thursdays, except July)  
Historic Miller's Building, 445 S. Gay Street  
See [www.kub.org](http://www.kub.org). Click on "About Us" at top of the page.

Thursday, June 20 --- 4 p.m.

City Board of Zoning Appeals (Third Thursdays)  
Small Assembly Room  
Pre-Agenda Meeting: 3 p.m. in Room 511  
<http://www.cityofknoxville.org/boards/zoning.asp>

Thursday, June 20 --- 5 p.m.-7 p.m.

TDOT Public Meeting  
Improvements to Alcoa Highway  
Sevier Heights Baptist Church, 3232 Alcoa Highway  
Mike Russell, TDOT Region 1, 594-2334, [Mike.Russell@tn.gov](mailto:Mike.Russell@tn.gov)  
<http://www.tdot.state.tn.us/sr115/>

Thursday, June 20 --- 5 p.m.-8:30 p.m.

11<sup>th</sup> Annual Downtown Loft Tour and Fundraiser  
(Focusing on Market Square)  
Tour starts at Design Studio, 500 S. Gay Street  
Food, refreshments, silent auction  
Community Design Center  
<http://www.CommunityDC.org>

Thursday, June 20 --- 6 p.m.

Meeting of Sixth District Neighborhoods and Constituents  
Hosted by City Councilman and Former Mayor Daniel Brown  
CAC Luke Ross Building, 2247 Western Avenue

Thursday, June 20 --- 6:30 p.m.

Oakwood Lincoln Park Neighborhood Association  
Monthly Meeting (Third Thursdays)  
Community Club House, 916 Shamrock Avenue at Henegar Street

Monday, June 24 --- 1:45 p.m. (zoning at 5 p.m.)  
Knox County Commission  
(Fourth Mondays, Jan.-Oct. Third Mondays, Nov.-Dec.)  
[www.knoxcounty.org/commission](http://www.knoxcounty.org/commission)  
Agenda: Click on "Commission Agendas"  
Public Forum held at beginning & ending of meeting.  
Zoning Issues heard starting at 5 p.m.

Monday, June 24 --- 5:30 p.m.  
Pembroke Condominium Association (Last Mondays except May and December)  
Lobby of Pembroke, 508 Union Avenue  
Jessie Brown, 525-6500

Monday, June 24 --- 6 p.m.  
Public Meeting  
East City Sector Plan Update  
Metropolitan Planning Commission (MPC)  
Burlington Library, 4614 Asheville Hwy.  
Jeff Archer, 215-3821, [jeff.archer@knoxmpc.org](mailto:jeff.archer@knoxmpc.org)  
<http://www.knoxmpc.org/eastcity2013/index.htm>

Tuesday, June 25 – 6 p.m.  
Inskip Community Association (Asociación de la Comunidad de Inskip)  
Community Meeting (Fourth Tuesdays)  
Inskip Baptist Church, 4810 Rowan Road  
Betty Jo Mahan, 679-2748, [bettymahan@knology.net](mailto:bettymahan@knology.net)

Tuesday, June 25 --- 6:30 p.m.  
Chilhowee Park Neighborhood Association (Last Tuesdays)  
Tiger Top at the Zoo, 3500 Knoxville Zoo Drive  
Paul Ruff, 696-6584

Tuesday, June 25 --- 7 p.m.  
City Council (Every Other Tuesday)  
<http://www.cityofknoxville.org/citycouncil>  
Agenda: <http://www.cityofknoxville.org/citycouncil/agenda.pdf>

Thursday, June 27 --- 9 a.m.  
Special Events Community Meeting (Fourth Thursdays, Jan.-Oct.)  
"Meet with city services that may assist in planning your event."  
Civic Coliseum Ballroom, Third Floor  
Free Parking available at Civic Coliseum Parking Garage  
Office of Special Events, 215-4248

Thursday, June 27 --- 3:30 p.m.  
Better Building Board  
(Last Thursday, Jan.-Oct. First Thursday, Dec.)  
Small Assembly Room, City-County Building  
<http://www.cityofknoxville.org/boards/betterbuilding.asp>

Thursday, June 27 --- 7 p.m.  
Old Sevier Community Group  
(Fourth Thursdays, February through October)  
Stanley's Greenhouse, 3029 Davenport Road

Gary Deitsch, [garyedeitsch@bellsouth.net](mailto:garyedeitsch@bellsouth.net)

Friday, June 28 --- 9:30 a.m.

Public Officer Hearing – Neighborhood Codes Enforcement  
(Usually held on the Friday following Better Building Board meetings)  
The PO considers action on violations of city's building codes.  
Small Assembly Room, City County Building

Saturday, June 29 --- 9 a.m.-11 a.m.

“Coffee with the Councilman”  
(Last Saturday of Each Quarter)  
Vice Mayor and First District City Council Member Nick Pavlis  
Bring your concerns or stop by to chat; open to all city residents.  
Roundup Restaurant, 3643 Sevierville Pike  
Nick Pavlis, 579-2055

Monday, July 1 --- 5:30 p.m.

Council of Involved Neighborhoods (COIN)  
(First Mondays except holidays)  
CAC/L.T. Ross Building, 2247 Western Avenue  
Dave Gartner, 862-2066

Tuesday, July 2 --- 4:30 p.m.

Dandridge Avenue Neighborhood Watch (First Tuesdays)  
Beck Cultural Exchange Center, 1927 Dandridge Avenue  
Lawrence Washington, 524-4498

Tuesday, July 2 --- 6 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Norwood Neighborhood Watch – 6 p.m.  
Norwood Homeowners Association – 7 p.m.  
New Hope Presbyterian Church, 1705 Merchants Road  
Lynn Redmon, 688-3136 or 771-6428

Tuesday, July 2 --- 6:30 p.m.

Parkridge Community Organization (First Tuesdays)  
Cansler YMCA, 616 Jessamine St.  
Jerry Caldwell, 329-9943

Tuesday, July 2 --- 7 p.m.

Mechanicsville Community Association (First Tuesdays)  
Fairview Recreation Center, 1628 Dora Street  
Charles Wright, 637-1802

Monday, July 8 --- 5 p.m.

Knox County School Board – Work Session  
(Monday before the regular meeting, except holidays or holiday weeks)  
First Floor Board Room, Andrew Johnson Building, 912 South Gay St.  
For agenda, work sessions, and other items:  
Visit <http://knoxschools.org/>. Click on “Board of Education.”

Monday, July 8 --- 3 p.m.

Northgate Resident Association (Second Mondays)  
Social Hall, 4301 Whittle Springs Road  
David Wildsmith, 219-0417



Monday, July 8 --- 5 p.m.-6 p.m.

Michael Meadowview Neighborhood Watch (Second Mondays)  
CAC East Neighborhood Center, 4200 Asheville Hwy.  
Marian Bailey, 525-5625

Monday, July 8 --- 6 p.m.

Cold Springs Neighborhood Watch (Second Mondays)  
Magnolia Avenue Methodist Church, 2700 Magnolia (Harrison St. Entrance)  
Terrell Patrick, 525-4833

Monday, July 8 --- 6 p.m.

Vestal Community Organization (Second Mondays)  
South Knoxville Community Center  
Newman Seay, 577-4593

Monday, July 8 --- 6:30 p.m.

Old North Knoxville (Second Mondays)  
St. James Episcopal, Parish Hall, 1101 N. Broadway  
Lauren Rider, 964-3905

Monday, July 8 --- 6:30 p.m.

Community Potluck  
Historic Fourth & Gill Neighborhood Organization (Second Mondays)  
Fourth and Gill Park  
Judith Neff, 567-7980

Monday, July 8 --- 7 p.m.

Belle Morris Community Action Group (Second Mondays)  
City View Baptist Church, 2311 Fine Avenue  
[www.bellemorris.com](http://www.bellemorris.com)  
Rick Wilen, 524-5008

Tuesday, July 9 --- 11:45 a.m.

Agenda Review, Metropolitan Planning Commission  
(Tuesday before MPC's monthly meeting)  
Small Assembly Room, City County Building

Tuesday, July 9 --- 6 p.m.

Public Meeting  
Central City Sector Plan Update  
Metropolitan Planning Commission (MPC)  
Cansler YMCA, 616 Jessamine Street at East Fifth Avenue  
Mike Reynolds, MPC, 215-3827, [mike.reynolds@knoxmpc.org](mailto:mike.reynolds@knoxmpc.org)  
<http://www.knoxmpc.org/centralcity2013/index.htm>

Tuesday, July 9 --- 6 p.m.

Brown Avenue Neighborhood Watch (Second Tuesdays)  
Hoitt Avenue Baptist Church, 2121 Hoitt Avenue  
Jimmy Ramsey, 637-0243

Tuesday, July 9 --- 6:30 p.m.

Lonsdale United for Change (Second Tuesdays)  
Lonsdale Recreation Center, Stonewall Avenue



Steve Ritter, 973-0877

Tuesday, July 9 --- 7 p.m.

Mechanicsville Neighborhood Watch Association (Second Tuesdays)  
Clinton Chapel AME Zion Church, College Street  
R. Bentley Marlow, 607-4357

Tuesday, July 9 --- 7 p.m.

City Council (Every Other Tuesday)

<http://www.cityofknoxville.org/citycouncil>

Agenda: <http://www.cityofknoxville.org/citycouncil/agenda.pdf>

Wednesday, July 10 --- 11:30 a.m.

Community Forum (Second Wednesdays)  
West Knoxville Library, 100 Golf Club Road at Kingston Pike  
Sue Mauer, 690-0269

Wednesday, July 10 --- 1 p.m.

100 Block Association (Second Wednesdays)  
Dewhirst Properties, 123 S. Gay Street  
Jody Freeman, 525-1554

Wednesday, July 10 --- 4:30 p.m.

Neighborhood Advisory Council  
(Every Second Wednesday, except December)  
CAC/L.T. Ross Building, 2247 Western Avenue  
<http://www.cityofknoxville.org/neighborhoods>  
David Massey, 215-3232

Wednesday, July 10 --- 5 p.m.

Knox County Board of Education (First Wednesdays, except holiday weeks)  
Large Assembly Room, City County Building  
For agenda, work sessions, and other items:  
Visit <http://knoxschools.org/>. Click on "Board of Education"

Thursday, July 11 --- 1:30 p.m.

Metropolitan Planning Commission (Second Thursdays)  
<http://www.knoxmpc.org>  
Agenda: <http://agenda.knoxmpc.org>

Thursday, July 11 --- 2 p.m.

Western Heights Resident Association (Second Thursdays)  
Building to the right of the mail boxes when you enter Western Heights  
Jamesena Nolan, 237-5558

Thursday, July 11 --- 6 p.m.

Lonsdale Homes Resident Association (Second Thursdays)  
Community Building, 1956 Goins Drive  
Phyllis Patrick, 323-7224

Thursday, July 11 --- 4 p.m.

Montgomery Village Resident Association (First Thursdays except holidays)  
Montgomery Village Ministry 1124 Cook Dr.  
Tonja Warren, 577-5555

Thursday, July 11 --- 6 p.m.

Public Meeting

East City Sector Plan Update

Metropolitan Planning Commission (MPC)

Washington Pike United Methodist Church, 2241 Washington Pike

Jeff Archer, 215-3821, [jeff.archer@knoxmpc.org](mailto:jeff.archer@knoxmpc.org)

<http://www.knoxmpc.org/eastcity2013/index.htm>

Tuesday, July 16 --- 6 p.m.

Public Meeting

Central City Sector Plan Update

Metropolitan Planning Commission (MPC)

Friendship Missionary Baptist Church, 1933 Texas Avenue

Mike Reynolds, MPC, 215-3827, [mike.reynolds@knoxmpc.org](mailto:mike.reynolds@knoxmpc.org)

<http://www.knoxmpc.org/centralcity2013/index.htm>

Monday, July 22 --- 7 p.m.-8:30 p.m.

South Woodlawn Neighborhood Association

Bi-Monthly Meeting (Fourth Mondays, odd months, except holidays)

This month's program: Annual Seed and Plant Swap and Kasey Krouse, City Arborist

Woodlawn Christian Church, 4339 Woodlawn Pike

Janice Tocher, 686-6789

Monday, August 5 --- 6:30 p.m.

Wesley Neighbors Community Association

(First Mondays, even-numbered months)

Bearden Branch Library, 100 Golf Club Road

Donnie Ernst, 207-9355

Monday, August 19 --- 7 p.m.

Alice Bell Spring Hill Neighborhood Association

(Third Mondays except June, July, December)

New Harvest Park, just east of Target on Washington Pike.

All are welcome to attend.

Ronnie Collins, 637-9630

Monday, September 9 --- 5:30 p.m.

Downtown Residents Quarterly Meeting

Central Business Improvement District

Knoxville Chamber offices, 17 Market Square

(Future meetings in 2013: 12/9)

<http://downtownknoxville.org/>

Michele Hummel, 246-2654

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